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A computer-implemented method for processing subscription information, including receiving a request to receive or pick-up a printed issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, at a retail facility or store pursuant to a subscription, processing the information regarding the request with a processing device, wherein the processing device determines whether the subscription is active or not active or determines whether any issue or issues of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, remain to be fulfilled pursuant to the subscription, and transmitting a message in response to the request, wherein the message contains an authorization or a denial of the request, and further wherein the message is transmitted to a point-of-sale transaction device located at the retail facility or store.